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Hi Joe,

Please review and let me know if you are o.k. with these points going out to public groups.

Nikia delivered most of these at the CTEC meeting last night and you'll recognize most of it is based on a prior vetted response to Susan Dunlap. Only the first three points are updates. CTEC requested that I follow up with them with this information via email. Let me know if you have changes or reservations. Thanks!

•□□□□□□□□ Nikia Greene, EPA RPM in Helena is being considered as the EPA project manager for the West Side Soils Operable Unit (WSS). An RPM for WSS will be established before the Remedial Investigation (RI) begins.

- The area of WSS has been sampled in the past as part of the initial effort to characterize environmental contamination as a result of historic mining activities. Initial data did not indicate any immediate human health concerns in this area.
- EPA chose to prioritize areas ("priority soils") to implement a remedy in light of data that indicated areas where the greatest potential threats to human health existed.
- EPA is in the process of compiling and reviewing existing data and is scheduled to begin further RI into WSS OU June 2018.
- A draft RI workplan will be finalized prior to the RI and will likely cover soil, groundwater, and surface water sampling.
- EPA will work with local agencies and the community for access agreements to get the sampling finished as soon as possible.
- The RI timeline can change depending on what is found on site in the initial data collection efforts. For example, further sampling may be required in some areas if significant contamination is found.
- Superfund site boundaries are based on the presence of contamination and the RI will identify the nature and extent of contamination that may be on site and will shape the WSS boundaries.
- Expanding RMAP, including into the WSS operable unit, is an option EPA and Superfund stakeholders are currently evaluating.

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